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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 8, 2001, please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 19-24 and add the following new claims 25-26.

25. An ergonomic bicycle saddle having a front end and a back end, comprising:

a frame having a front end, a back end, a left side and a right side and defining a front half and a back half, said front half comprising at least part of a nose portion, said back half comprising a support portion, said nose portion being narrower than said support portion and sized and shaped to extend through the crotch of a saddle occupant, said support portion being wider than said nose portion and being sized and shaped to support the ischial tuberosities of a saddle occupant, said nose portion of said frame